



CONGRESSMAN

MIKE ROGERS

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Veterans Update

■ **Rogers Honors Battle of the Bulge Veterans**

Congressman Mike Rogers visited Europe last month to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. The United States lost 19,000 soldiers in the Battle of the Bulge, with an additional 62,000 wounded, captured or classified as missing in action. Rogers stated: "About 500 American WWII veterans attending the anniversary commemoration were applauded by cheering and weeping crowds every where they walked. It was an amazing and powerful reminder of what our soldiers and the people of those communities suffered during that brutal war and the furious Battle of the Bulge."

Congressman Rogers also visited with government officials from Belgium and Luxembourg highlighting the importance of maintaining good relations with Europe stating, "These friendships strengthen our ability to remain strong and free, and they stand as a living memorial to the remarkable heroes who earned our respect and gratitude in the unrelenting cold of that Christmas time battle in 1944."

■ **Troops Benefit from Service Members Civil Relief Act**

It has been a little more than a year since Congress approved H.R. 100, a measure which has provided benefits for U.S. troops and their families. H.R. 100 has lessened some of the burdens which face military personnel on active duty and their dependents. The measure allows members of active duty military to terminate rental leases on automobiles without early termination fees, limits credit card interest rates and allows dependents to avoid eviction from their homes.